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Council Member Larry Dressel Steps Down

Beaumont, CA — At the June 1st City Council meeting, Council Member Larry Dressel announced his resignation effective June 24th. Dressel, who has been a Council Member for 10 years, stepped down due to family commitments. With great sentiment Dressel stated, “I’m honored to have been a member of the City Council and to have had the opportunity to represent the citizen’s of Beaumont and work with our wonderful City staff. I am proud of progress the City has made, how the City has grown, and how quality of life has improved over the years.” The City wishes Dressel the best of luck and hopes that he will return as a Council Member in the future.

Commitment to the Community

Dressel’s dedication to the community started in 1992. In February of 1997, he was appointed to the Beaumont Planning Commission and went on to serve as the chairman. In January of 2000, Dressel was appointed to fill a vacancy on the City Council. He wanted to be a part of the effort to make the community the best it could be, ensuring responsible growth and an increased quality of life for citizens. Dressel was reelected in 2002 and 2006. During the past 10 years, Dressel has represented the interest of Beaumont citizens on various regional boards and committees, including: Western Riverside Council of Governments, Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority, Transit Study Taskforce, Beaumont Unified School District liaison, San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority, and the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District Committee.

During his time as a Council Member, Dressel played a key role in the establishment of the 9,500 acre Potrero Ecological Reserve located in the City limits. The reserve provides a vital habitat for rare and endangered species and will forever stand as a symbol of Larry’s commitment to the preservation of regional open space resources in Riverside County. Larry also took a lead role in the planning and approval of the Cooper’s Creek Special Connectivity Reserve Policy Area which will link regional open space resources including the Potrero Ecological Reserve, San Jacinto Wildlife Reserve, and the Norton Younglove Reserve. In addition, Larry was instrumental in the establishment of the San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority which helped to end years of water rights disputes in the Pass Area and facilitate cooperative efforts to manage water resources and preserve water quality for existing and future residents. Larry also oversaw the upgrade of the Beaumont water treatment plant making it the first water treatment facility in the Pass Area to produce recycled water which helps promote the beneficial use of water supplies.

Appointment of New City Council Member

The City Council will appoint a Beaumont citizen to finish Dressel’s term of office. Applications can be picked up at the Beaumont Civic Center and must be returned no later than June 14th at 5:00 p.m. City Council will interview applicants during the June 15th Council meeting. The new City Council member will be sworn in to office at the July 6th Council meeting. For more information, please contact Shelby Hanvey at (951) 769-8520.

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